

Exhibit A

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Title

Pin Adapter For Air Bearing Surface (Abs) Lapping And Method For Using The Same

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| Assignment 10/23/2001 | 11/21/2001 Yes | Dominic M. Kotab | (MDC Rule 5/7) |
| Information Disclosure Statement 10/23/2001 | 8/30/2001 Yes | Dominic M. Kotab | (MDC Rule 6/13a-b) |
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